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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT: OSMENA/LOPEZ

REF: MANILA 14325

1. GENERAL VER TOLD EMBOFF DEC 4 IN ANSWER TO QUESTION THAT OSMENA/LOPEZ WOULD HAVE TO BE TRIED. AFTER TRIAL AND CONVICTION, PRESIDENT WOULD OFFER "AMNESTY." (VER PRESUMABLY MEANS "PARDON".) PRESIDENT TOLD ROBERT GROS DEC 5 THAT OSMENA/LOPEZ WOULD BE TRIED IN CIVILAN COURT.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN OUR SUPPOSITION THAT MARCOS WOULD WISH TO AVOID PUBLICITY OF TRIAL, AND WOULD THEREFORE RELEASE OSMENA/LOPEZ WITHOUT TRIAL, EVIDENCE NOTED ABOVE SEEMS TO INDICATE MARCOS HAS DECIDED OSMENA/LOPEZ WILL HAVE TO BE TRIED. APPARENT CHANGE IN SIGNALS POSSIBLY DUE TO CONCERN OF MILITARY OR PRESIDENT HIMSELF AT IMPLICATIONS EXCESSIVE LENIENCY MIGHT HAVE FOR OTHER FUTURE ASSASSINS AND/OR PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO EXTRACT ADEQUATE CONDITIONS FROM LOPEZ/OSMENA FAMILY. CHANGE IN SIGNALS
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OBVIOUSLY NOT BASED ON LEGAL REVIEW, AS CLAIMED BY PRESS,

AND PRESUMABLY THEY COULD BE REVERSED AGAIN IF PROBLEM IS
RELATED TO MARCOS-OSMENA/LOPEZ INTERPLAY. SUPPORTING LATTER
SUPPOSITION, ADIRAN CRISTOBAL TOLD EMBOFF AT LUNCH DEC 5 THAT
THERE NO QUESTION OSMENA/LOPEZ WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE TRIED.
PRESS STORIES CONTAINING THREAT OF TRIAL ARE, HE SAID, INT-
ENDED TO SERVE AS CONSTANT WARNING AGAINST MISBEHAVIOUR.
HOPEFULLY CASE WILL BE CLARIFIED WHEN PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON DETAINEE
SITUATION DECEMBER 11.
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